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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: THAI CHARGE ALLEGES SPLIT IN LPDR

1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT JANUARY 10 THAI CHARGE CHET NAVARAT REMINDED ME THAT AT PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG'S NEW YEARS DAY RECEPTION PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE WAS ABSENT. I REPLIED THAT NOUHAK PHOMSAVANE AND PHOUMI VONGVICHIT WERE ALSO ABSENT AND THAT KAYSONE RARELY ATTENDED PUBLIC CEREMONIES IN ANY EVENT.

2. CHET INSISTED, WITHOUT INDICATING THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION, THAT KAYSONE WAS ABSENT BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN AN ARGUMENT IN THE LPDR ABOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS INTO LAOS TO SUPPRESS DISSIDENTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. CHET SAID KAYSONE HAD ASKED FOR SUCH TROOPS AND SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES HAD OPPOSED THIS REQUEST, BUT ADDITIONAL VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAD ENTERED LAOS TO ENGAGE THE DISSIDENTS.

3. I TOLD CHET IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THERE HAD BEEN
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VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST TROOPS IN LAOS FOR YEARS AND YEARS. CHET REPLIED, "YES, BUT THERE WERE ONLY 15,000. NOW THERE ARE 30,000." HE ADDED THAT MOST OF THEM WERE IN THE AREAS OF THAKHEK, SAVANNAKHET AND PAKSE.

4. COMMENT: I HAVE HAD THE IMPRESSION FOR SOME TIME FROM ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME THAT THERE ARE,

AND HAVE BEEN, ELEMENTS OF TWO VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST
DIVISIONS IN LAOS, MOSTLY IN THE SOUTH. I DO NOT
THINK THAT CHET HAS ANY SOURCE OF INFORMATION CAPABLE
OF GIVING HIM THE PRECISE TROOP FIGURES HE CITED OR
CAPABLE OF GIVING HIM AUTHENTIC INFORMATION ON
DISPUTES INSIDE THE LPDR AT THE TOP LEVEL.
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